

School social work internationally

If you hold a degree in Social work from abroad and want to translate your degree to the equivalent Swedish degree you should turn to **Universitets och högskolerådet**. Just follow the link below;

<http://www.uhr.se/sv/Bedomning-av-utlandsk-utbildning/Utlandsk-utbildning/Arbeta-i-Sverige/>

Equivalence of School Counseling Masters degree from the USA in Sweden.

In Sweden, there is not yet a master's program with a concentration in school social work, although the Swedish School Social Work Association is promoting such a program.

Here in Sweden, there are school social workers (skolkuratorer) and school guidance counselors (Studie- och yrkesvägledare, SYV). As in the U.S., school social workers focus primarily on social emotional issues that effects student learning, whereas guidance counselors focus primarily on academic matters and future educational/career planning. Of course, these two professions overlap at times. A guess is that Högskoleverket should be able to recognize that you do in fact have a longer education than Swedish SYVs. However, they would have to find a way to recognize your master's degree in a way that fits into a present degree. The difficulty lies in translating a degree that does not have an exact "twin" in another country.

Högskoleverket has recognized a master's degree in social work from the USA, but does not recognize a concentration in school social work. They also do not recognize a social worker license (Licensed Clinical Social Worker).

OBS! The authority *Högskoleverket* (referred to above) was ceased 2012 Dec 31 and have been replaced by **Universitets och högskolerådet** where you, among else, can convert forand haveeign degrees to equivalent Swedish degrees. Below you find the link:

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